I WAS... JUST LIKE RACHEL.
BECAUSE OF MY GREED TO CHASE HER...
I'VE PUT EVERYONE IN DANGER.
STUMP
AND DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT MY DEAR FRIENDS GETTING HURT.
STUMP

NOW THAT I HAVE COME TO MY SENSES AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THINGS HAVE TURNED OUT LIKE THIS.

I AM NO DIFFERENT FROM RACHEL.

I ALMOST ABANDONED THE PRECIOUS PEOPLE AROUND ME JUST FOR MY OWN GOALS.

THIS FIGHT...
I MUST PUT END TO IT WITH MY OWN HANDS.

..SO, THAT GUY IS A SLAYER NOMINEE?
I DID THINK HE WAS PRETTY GOOD, BUT DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO BE THAT STRONG.
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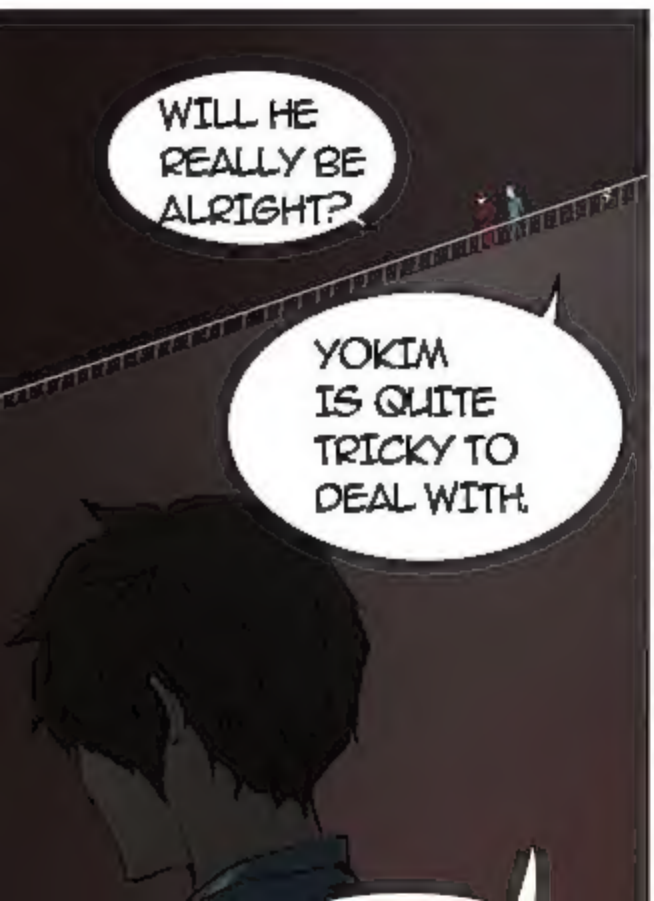
WILL HE REALLY BE ALRIGHT?
YOKIM IS QUITE TRICKY TO DEAL WITH.

DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD HELP HIM?

IT WON'T BE EASY... WE ALSO ALMOST DIED BY LOOKING DOWN ON YOKIM AT FIRST.
LET'S JUST WATCH HIM FOR NOW.
THE GUIDE DID INSIST WE SHOULD... PLUS, A GUY WHO CAN BLOCK HOAQIN'S SWORD WON'T BE EASILY DEFEATED.
BUT IF HE LOOKS DOWN ON YOKIM, HE WILL BE SORRY.

STOMP

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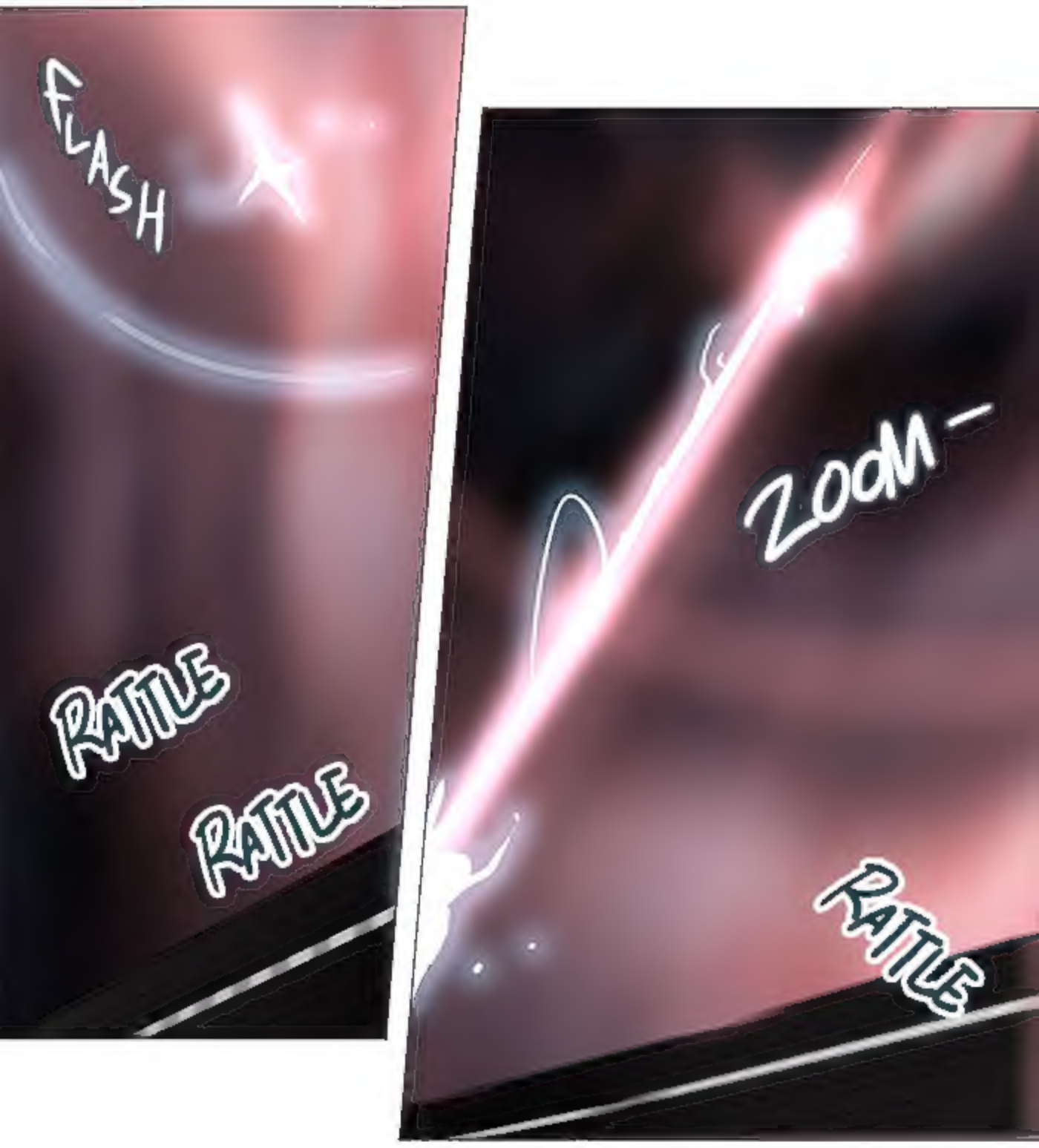
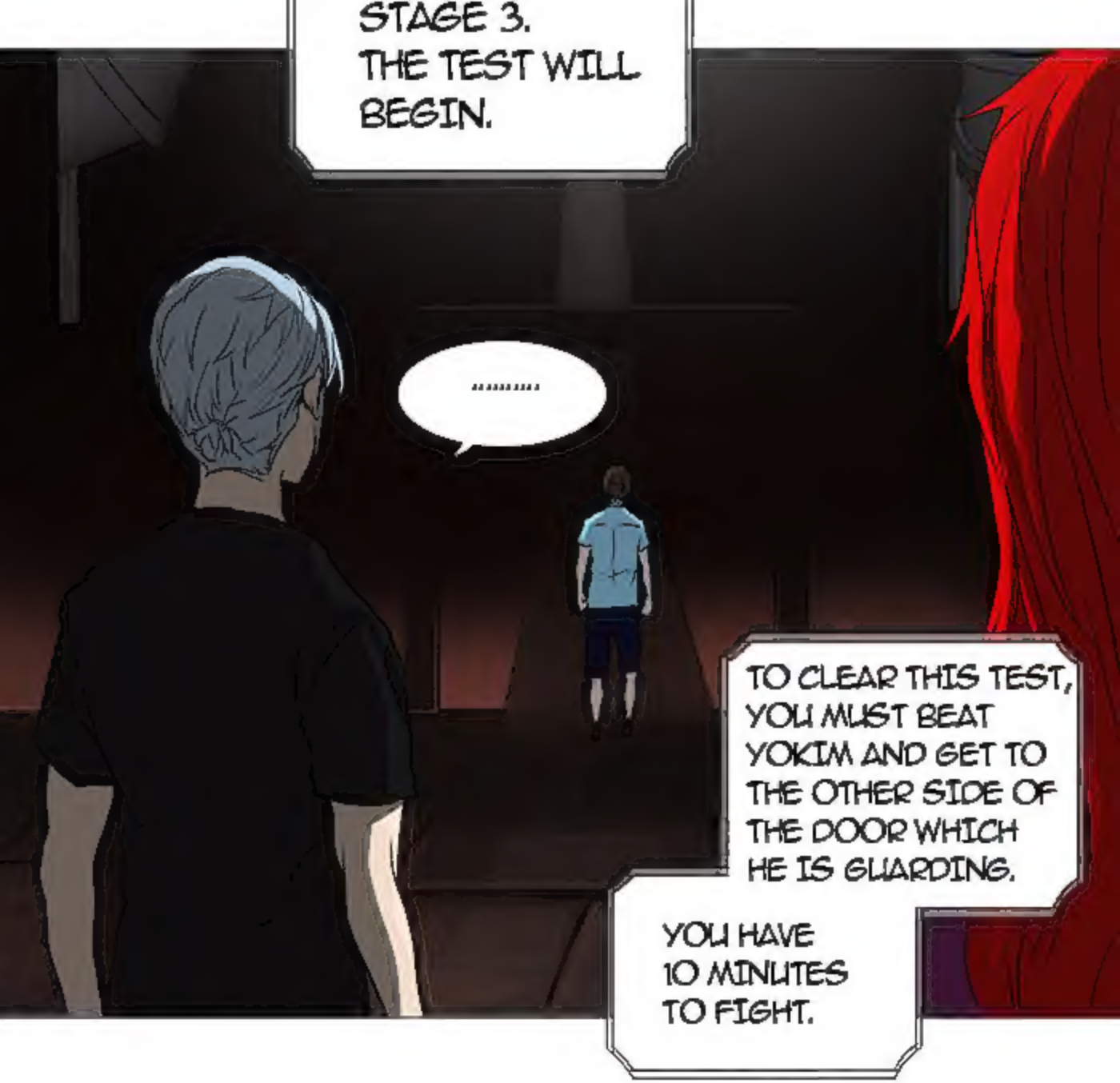
BA
BA
BAM


FLASH
RATTLE
RATTLE
ZOOM—
RATTLE


STAGE 3.
THE TEST WILL BEGIN.
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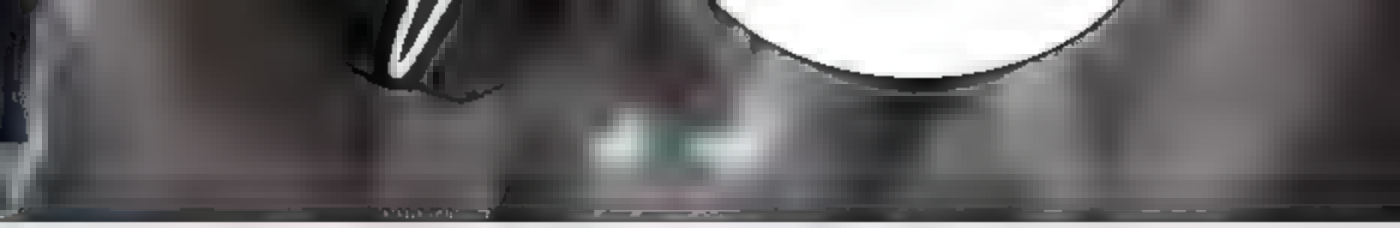
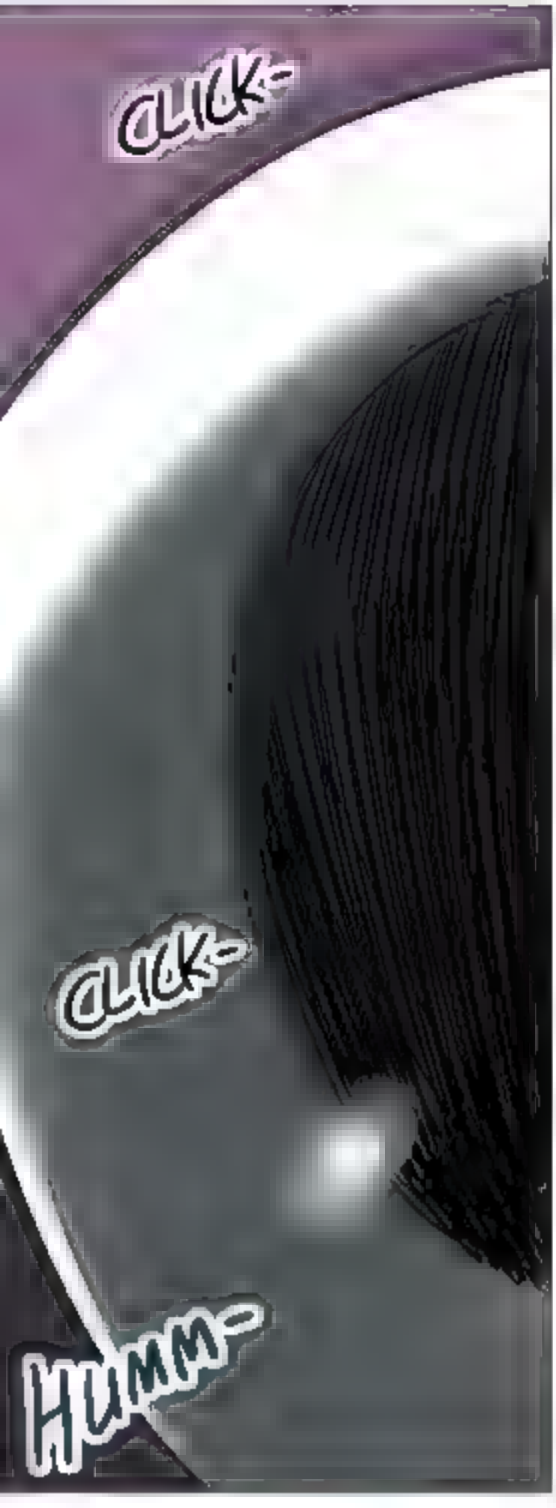
TO CLEAR THIS TEST, YOU MUST BEAT YOKIM AND GET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR WHICH HE IS GUARDING.
YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES TO FIGHT.

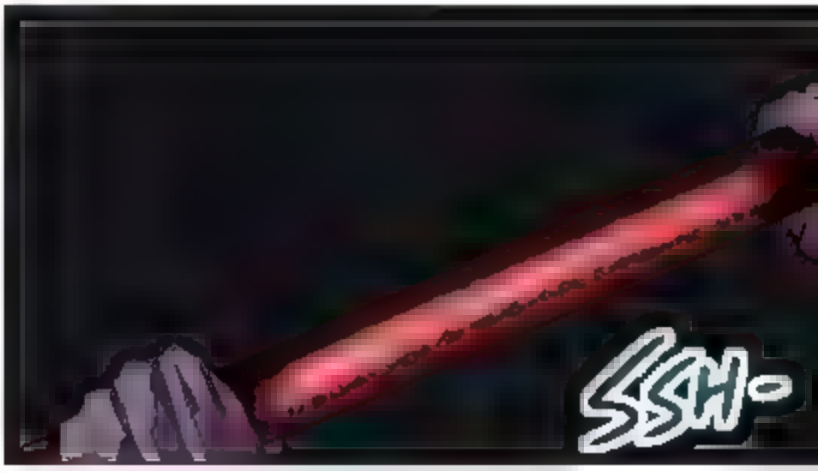
HEY, HWARYLIN.
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE WILL WIN THE FIGHT LIKE THIS?

BAM IS NOT EVEN FIT TO JUST STAND UP ON HIS OWN LEGS.
I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
'CAUSE BEATING HIM WON'T BE AN EASY THING TO DO.
BAM NEEDS TO REST MORE THAN ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.
NO...
WE MUST PUSH HIM MORE.
BECAUSE WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW IS A MIRACLE.
WHAT...?
STOMP

AT THIS RATE, HE WILL COLLAPSE EVEN BEFORE HE GETS TO THE STAGE!
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT...
MIRACLES NEVER HAPPEN
WOOSH
UNLESS YOU'RE DESPERATE.




CLICK-
CLICK-
HUMM-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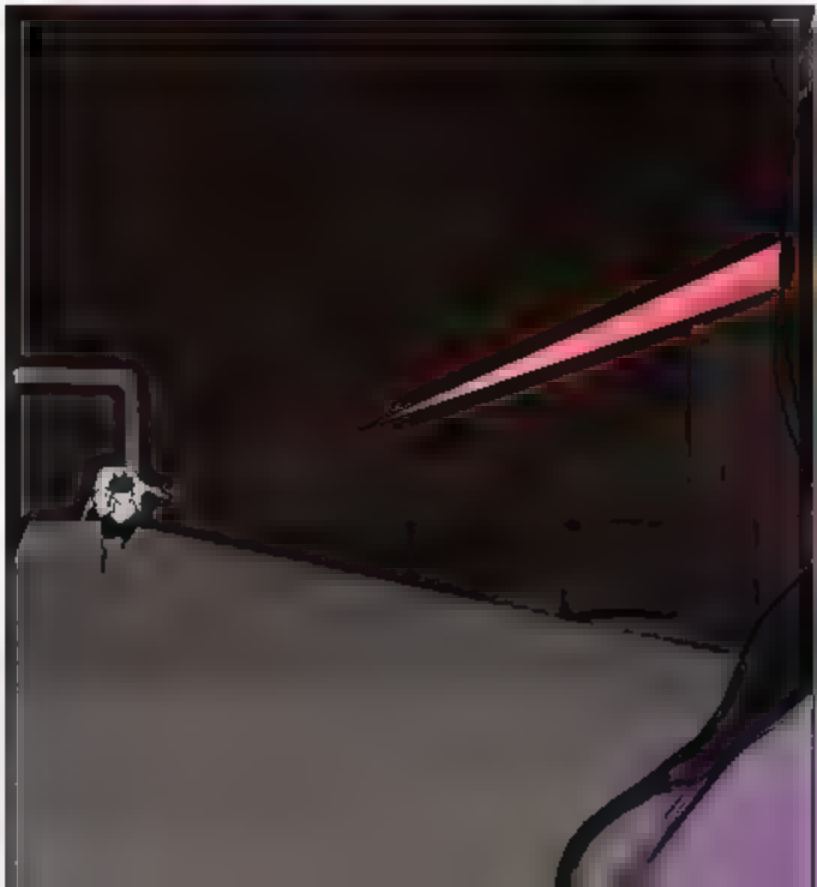


IT'S COMING.
A SPEAR..!
HE CAN'T EVEN DODGE BECAUSE IT'S A NARROW PASSAGE...
WHAT IS HE THINKING...? RUNNING UP TO HIM STRAIGHT LIKE THAT?

WHOOSH

HE CAN FLY?!
IS HE USING SHINSU?!
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH....
HE HAS UNDER-ESTIMATED YOKIM.
YOKIM'S SPEAR CAN...
VOOSH
BEND EVEN WITHOUT THE LIGHTHOUSE.

IT FOLLOWED HIM..!

...I CAN TAKE THIS...!
SMASH!
STOP..!

THAT SKILL..
THAT GUY...

REVERSE FLOW CONTROL..!
FWOOSH

PHEW-

NOW THERE'S ANOTHER GUY WHO CAN USE REVERSE FLOW CONTROL AMONGST THE D-CLASS REGULARS.

LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED TO BE ON EDGE.

HE TOOK CARE OF THE SPEAR...

IS IT OVER NOW?

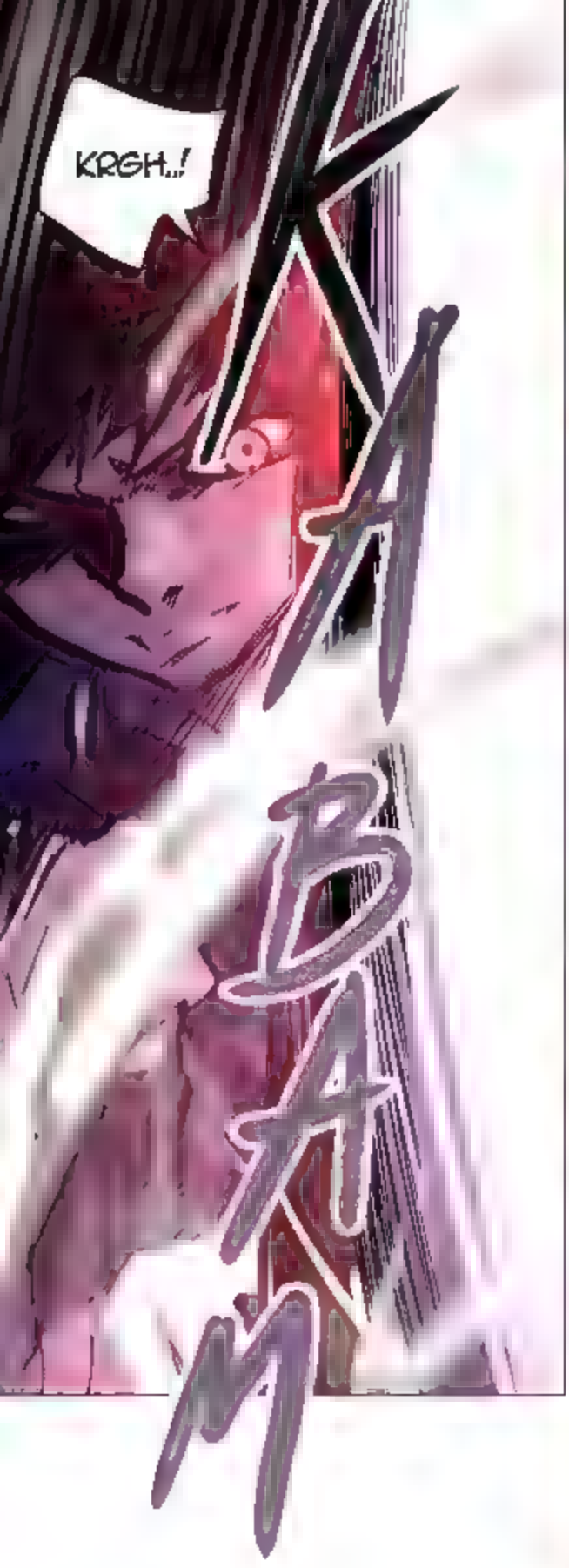
NO... THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

ACTUALLY, YOKIM IS...
click-

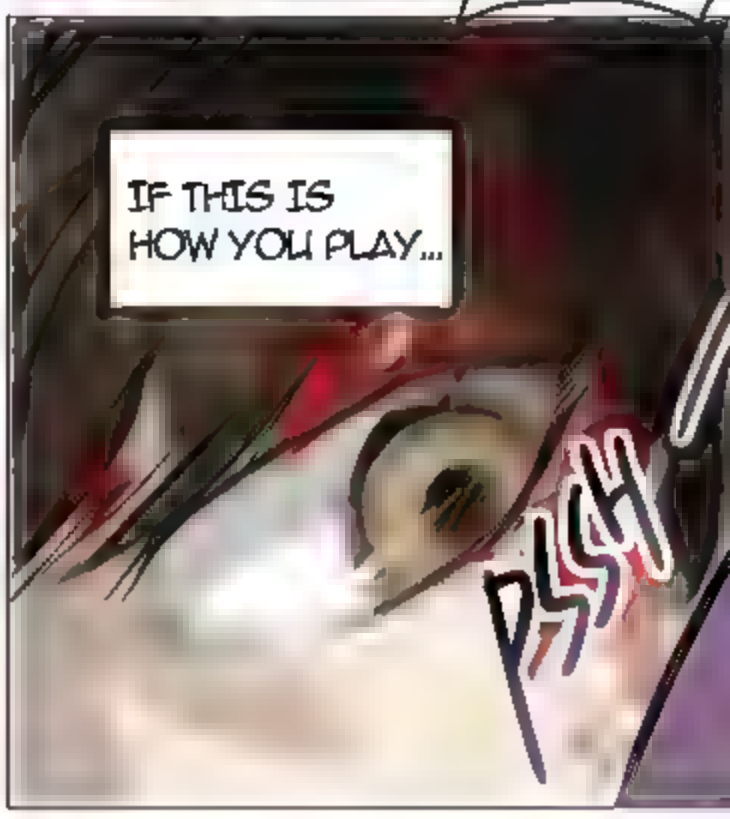
SCREECH
EVEN STRONGER IN A CLOSE-RANGE COMBAT.
WHAT!?

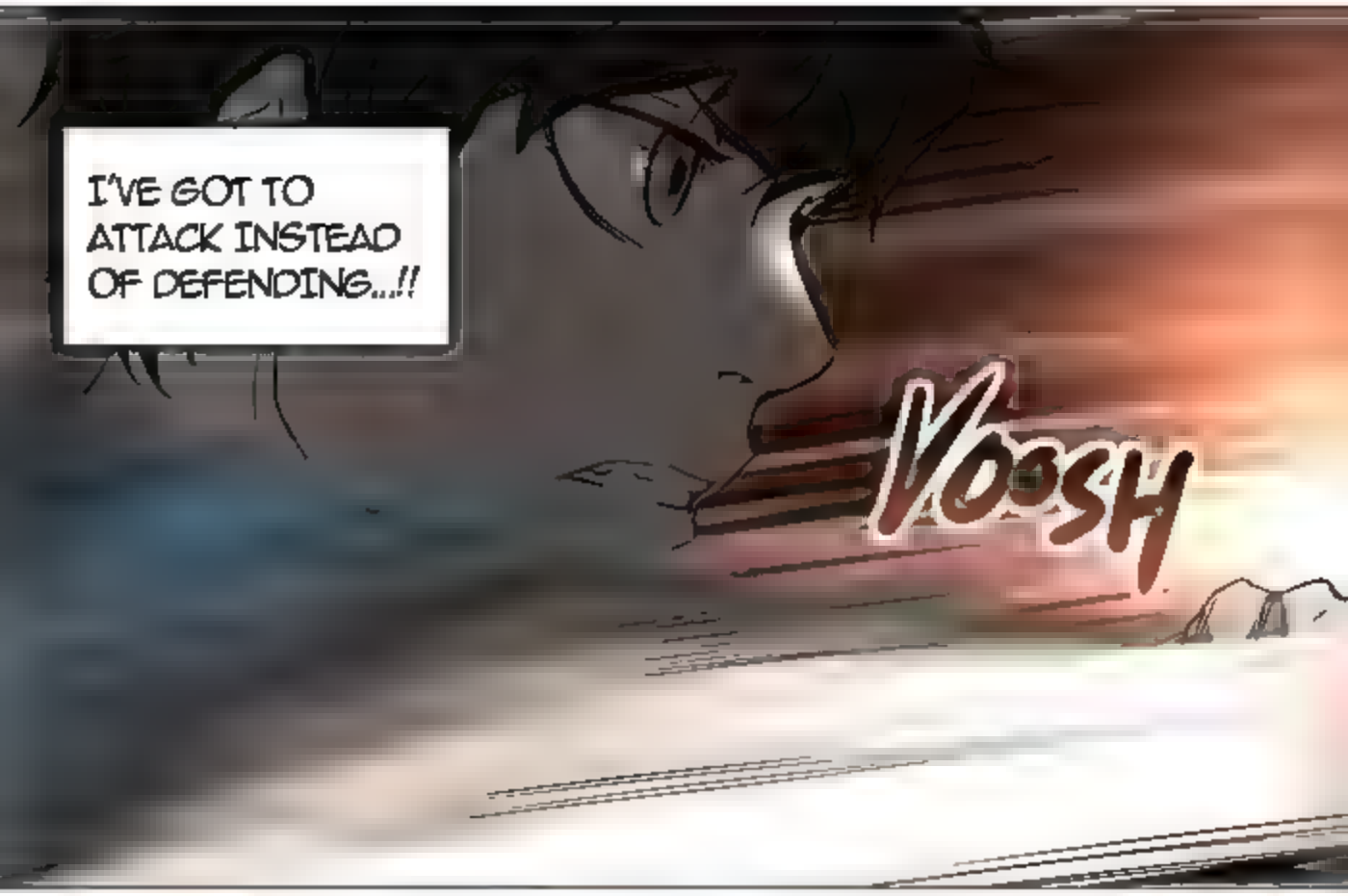
HE'S COMING-!!
DASH
BE CAREFUL..!
RUM
HE'S FAST..!
BLE
FROM THE RIGHT!
SWISH
SWOOP-
SWOOP-
VOOSH
VOOSH

SWOOSH


KRGH..!
KABAM

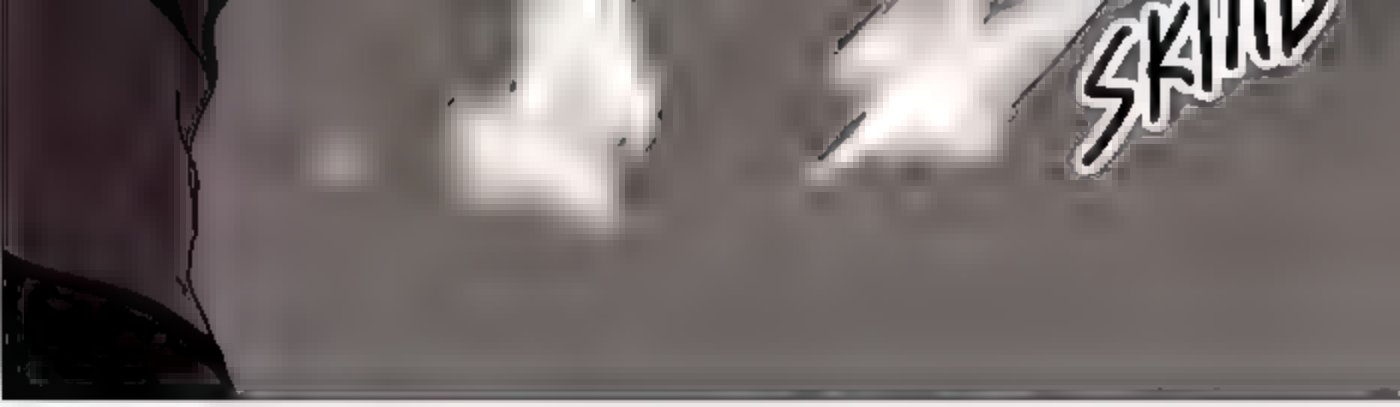
BAM..!
HE'S ATTACKING THE WOUNDED SIDE..!


IF THIS IS HOW YOU PLAY...
PUSH


I'VE GOT TO ATTACK INSTEAD OF DEFENDING...!!
VOOSH

THUD-
VOOSH
?!

Pow
OOF!!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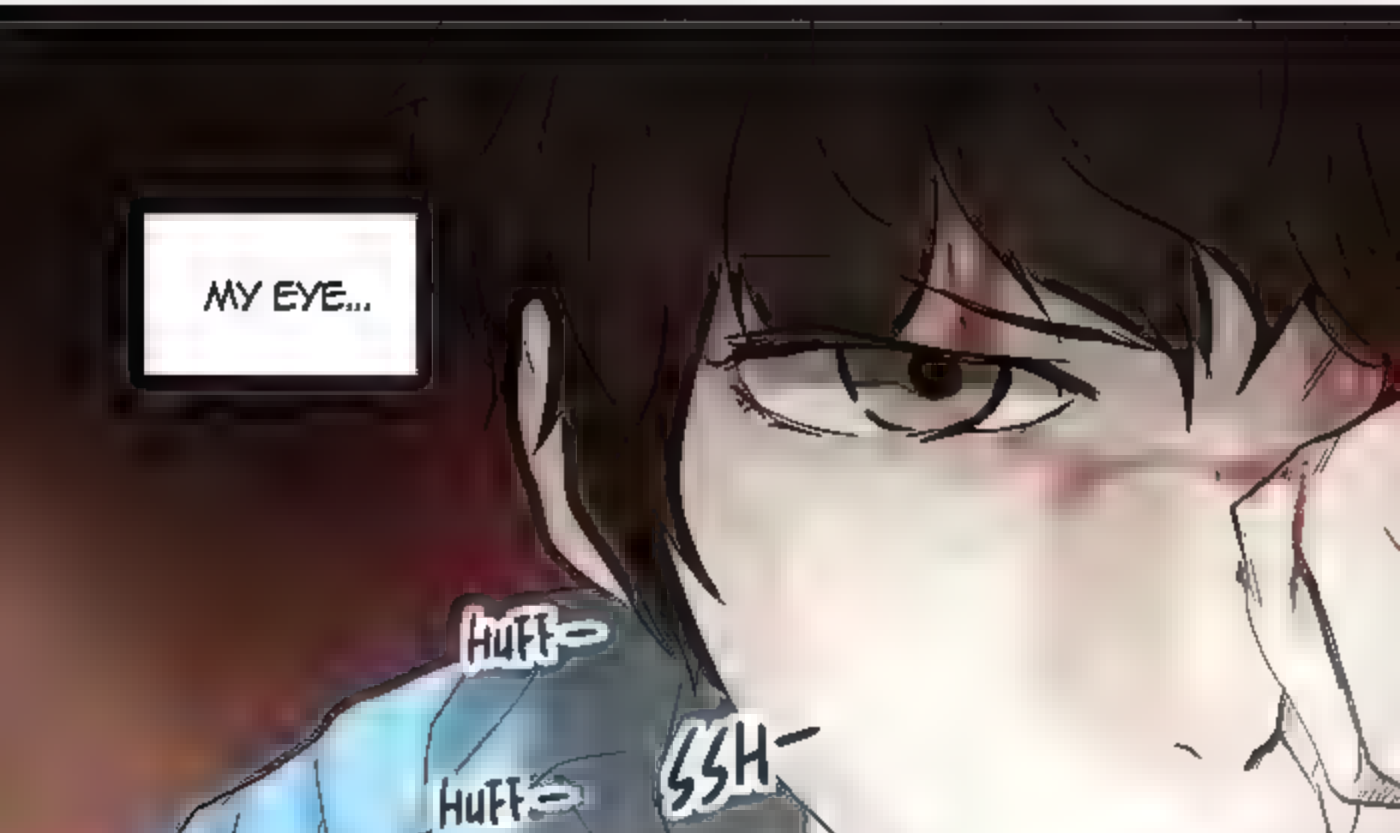
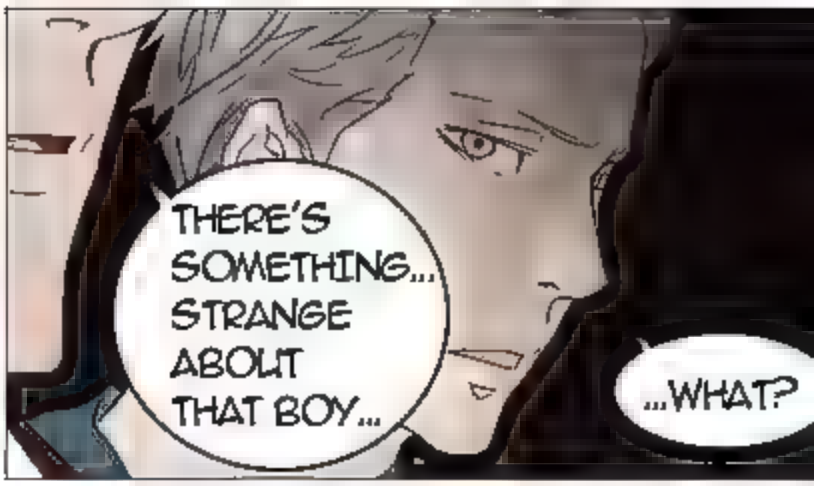

MY EYE...
HUFF—
HUFF—
SSH—

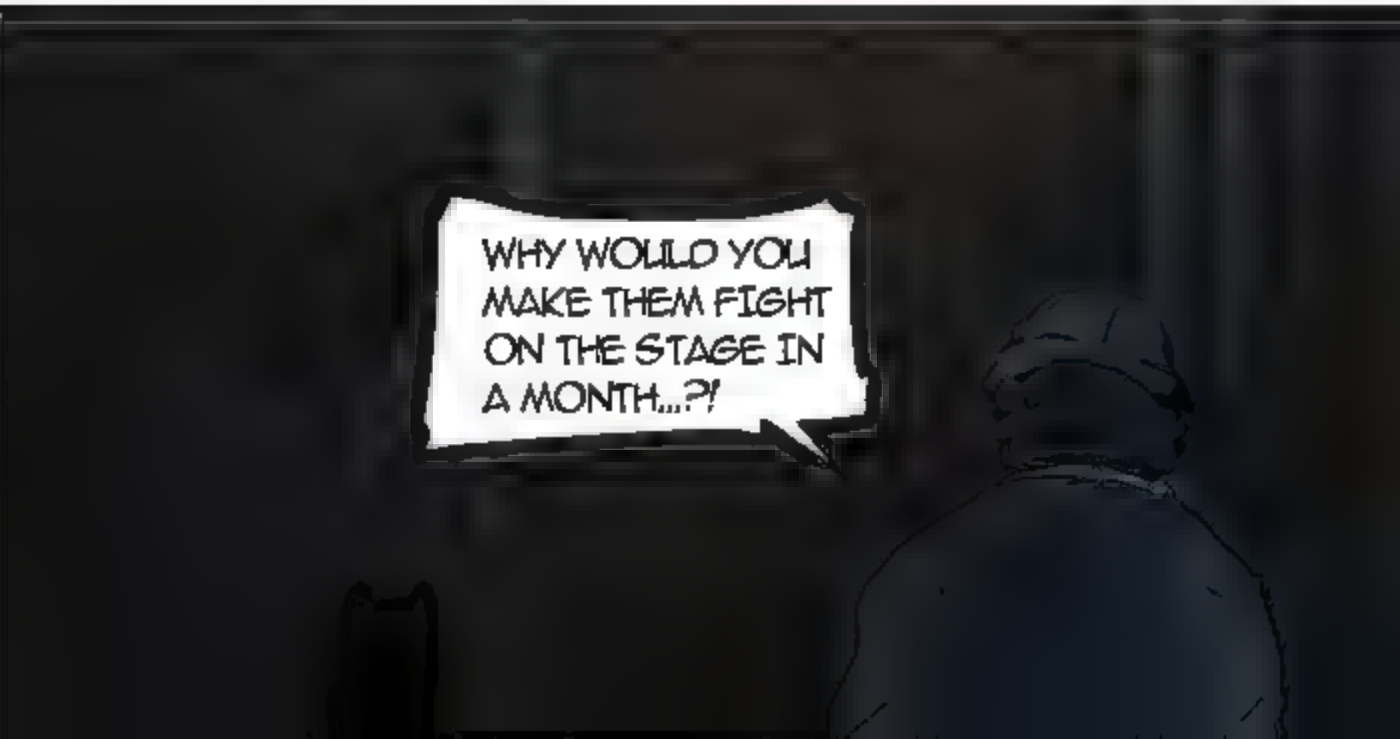
BOTH OF HIS EYES ARE SWOLLEN...
THIS IS BAD... RIGHT...?
...NOT REALLY.
IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT MAY SEEM.


THERE'S SOMETHING... STRANGE ABOUT THAT BOY...
...WHAT?

HIS SKILLS OR SHINSU RESISTANCE SEEM TO BE AT TOP LEVEL AMONGST D-CLASSES...
HE ISN'T SOMEONE WHOM YOKIM CAN DEFEAT WITH PETTY TRICKS.
HOWEVER... THE ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR A FIGHT IS MISSING FROM THAT BOY.
WHAT?

THAT BOY
VOOSH
DOESN'T HAVE ANY "WILL TO KILL" TOWARDS HIS ENEMY AT ALL.

INSIDE THE TRAIN CONDUCTOR'S OFFICE
BANG
LET GO OF ME!
DAMN IT, LET GO!!
THUMP THUMP
W...WHAT?!
A TEST ON THE STAGE IN A MONTH...?!


WHY WOULD YOU MAKE THEM FIGHT ON THE STAGE IN A MONTH...?!

MR. CONDUCTOR, YOU SAID YOU'LL HELP BRING BACK HOAQIN...!
AND THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO HELP YOU...!
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.
HUH...?
THANKS TO YOU GUYS GOING WILD AT TRAIN CITY...
SO, THIS MUCH OF A "PROCESS" IS NEEDED FOR US NOW.
WELL... BUT THAT WON'T CHANGE THE RESULT, SO DON'T WORRY.

THE SENIORS AT FUG ARE OPPRESSING THE SLAYERS WHO ARE ALLYING WITH SIR KARAKA.
IF WE FIND THE OTHER PARTS OF HOAQIN WITHIN A MONTH...
THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT VIOLE WOULD WIN IN THE FIGHT.
.....!
HEY, YOU GUYS-

WHY WOULD YOU MAKE SUCH A FUSS IN THE TRAIN...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW DANGEROUS THIS IS?
!!
THOSE GUYS.?
TURTLES AND...
THE WHITE TURTLE?
AND HOAQIN..?
????

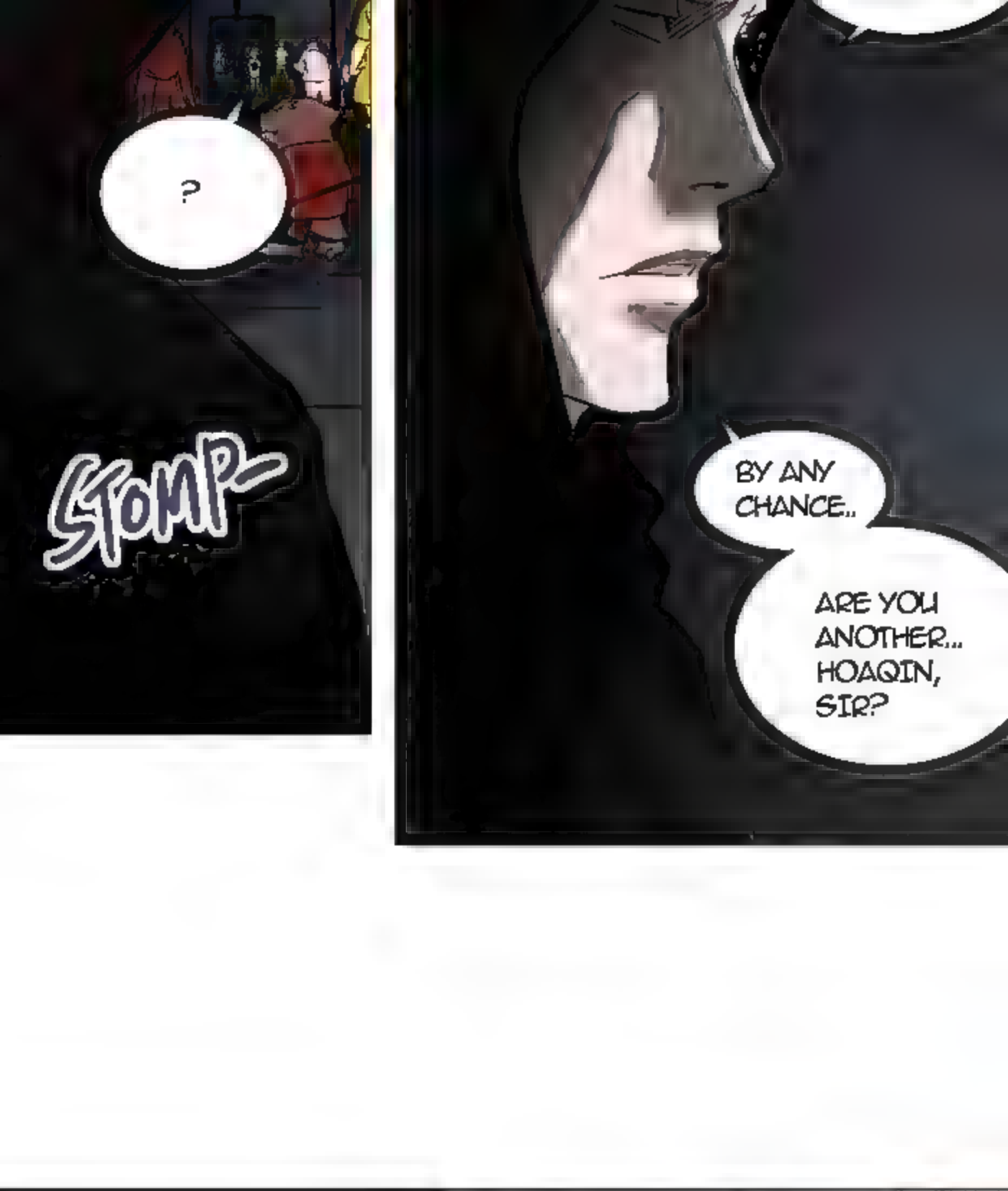
CROCODILE!!
TWO MORE... STRONG ONES!

MR. CROCODILE!!
WOOSH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALONE? WHERE IS MR. BAM...?
E.. EHWA, WAIT...!!

..?
WHAT?
ARE YOU GUYS ACQUAINTANCES WITH THEM?
AH..
WELL..
YOU SEE...
DAMN..
THIS IS NOT GOOD...!

EXCUSE ME..

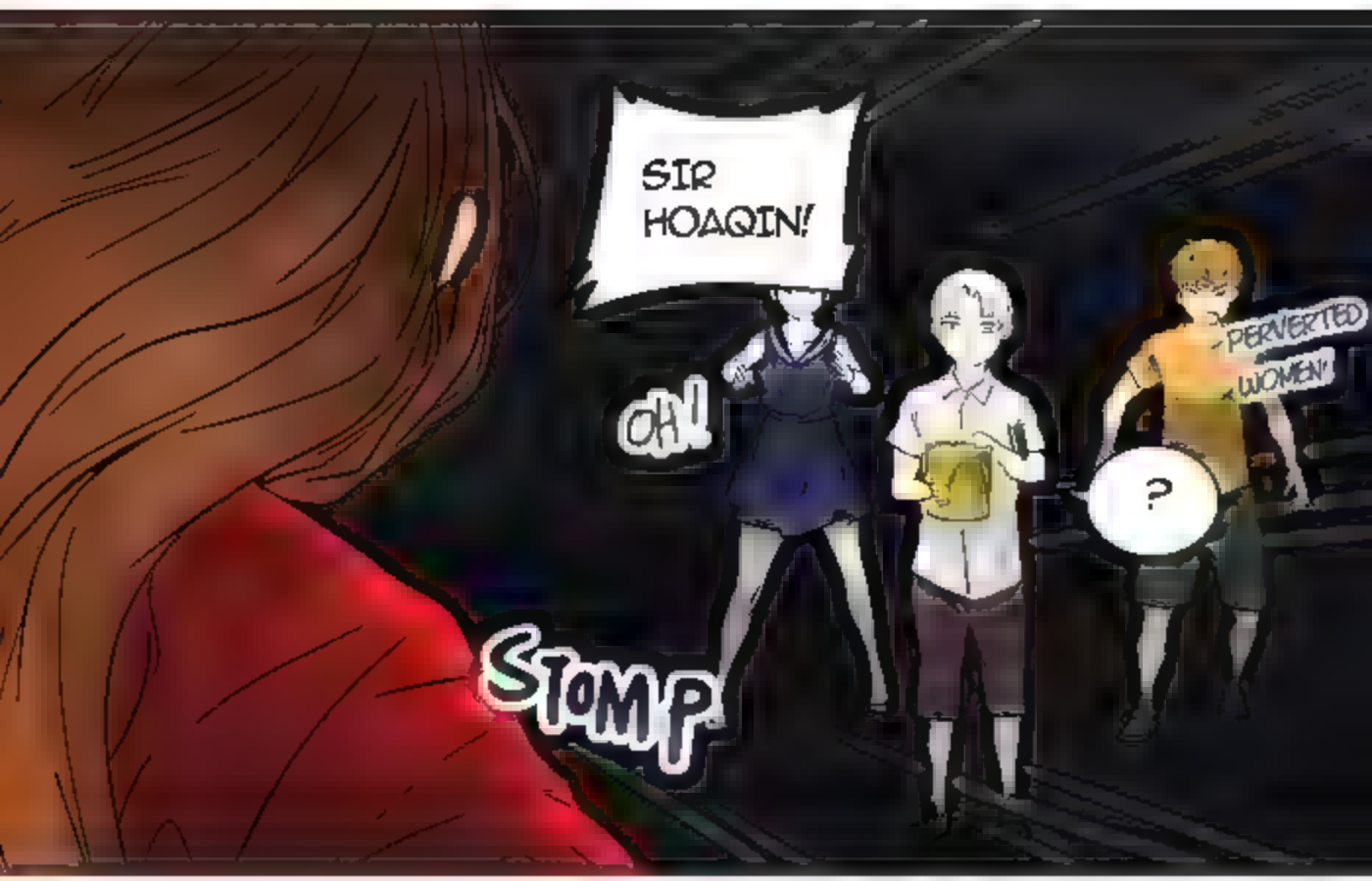
I'M SORRY, BUT...


?
STOMP
BY ANY CHANCE..
ARE YOU ANOTHER... HOAQIN, SIR?

...YES, I AM.
CRUNCH

SEEING THAT YOU GUYS KNOW WHO I AM, YOU MUST KNOW HOAQIN AS WELL.
WHY ARE YOU GUYS FIGHTING EACH OTHER?

HOAQIN...?


SIR HOAQIN!
OH!
STOMP
PERVERTED WOMEN!
?

AHAH.. SHOULD I CALL YOU ANOTHER HOAQIN...?
....THESE GUYS ARE GOOD GUYS WHO HELPED ME FIND THE WAY.
ARE YOU NOT ON THEIR SIDE?
WE ARE... UM... SIR HOAQIN'S HENCHMEN..
AND THOSE TWO ARE THE ONES WE HAD CAPTURED... HOW DID YOU MEET THEM?
PARDON...? W...WE'RE ENEMIES.
I MEAN, THEY'RE THE OTHER SLAYER NOMINEE'S...

THEN I AM YOUR ENEMY AS WELL.
GLARE
PARDON?!!

H...HOLD ON...!
WE ARE HOAQIN'S HENCHMEN...!

THAT IS NOT IMPORTANT.

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU ARE THEIR ENEMIES.

IF YOU TRY TO HURT THESE GUYS...

I WILL SIDE WITH THE ONES WHO HAVE HELPED ME WHEN I WAS HUNGRY.

RUMBLE

HUH?!

HEY, HOAQIN!!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

DASH

IT'S ANOTHER ME!

WHAT...?!

HIS COPY IS NEARBY?!

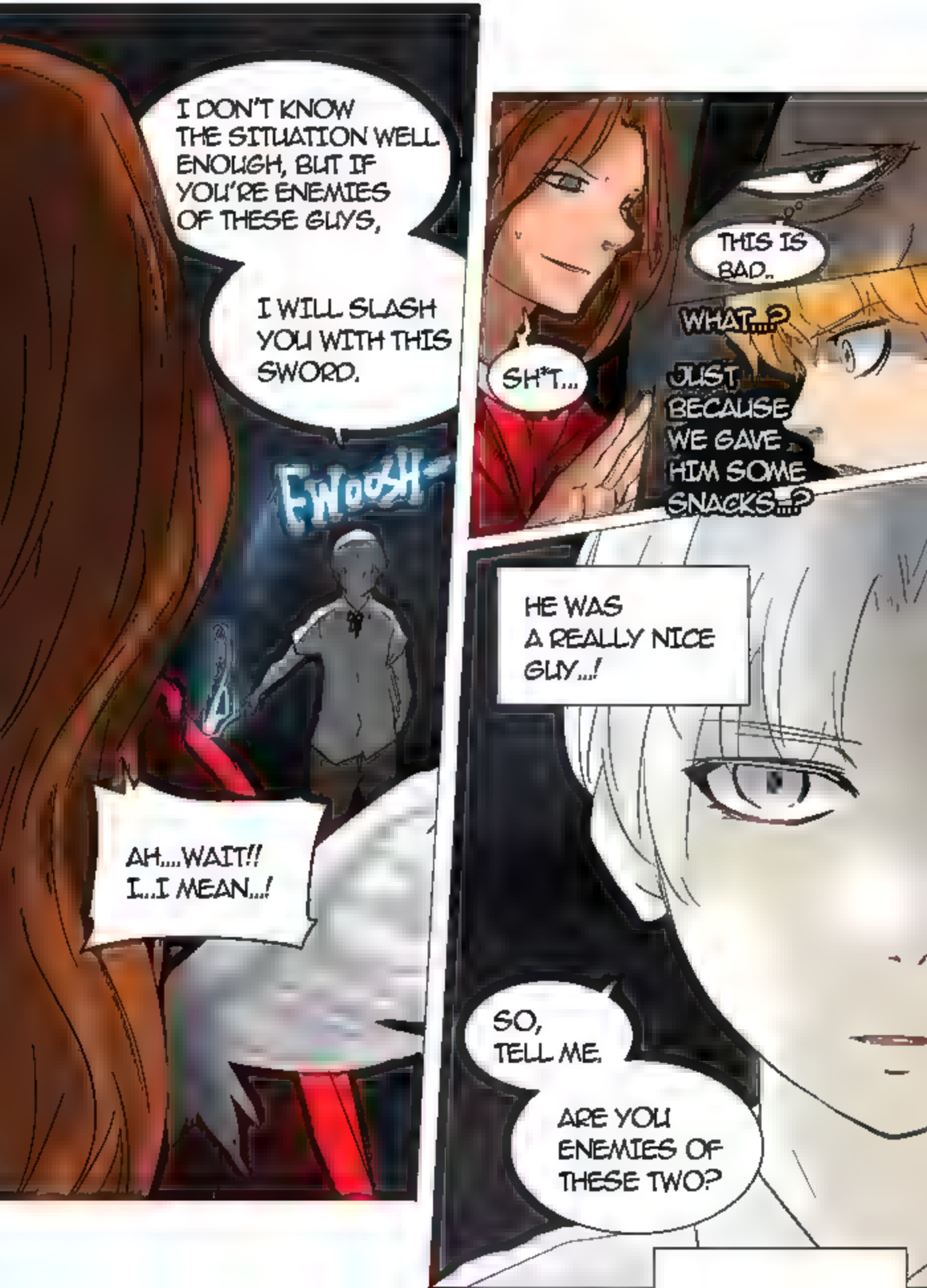
FOLLOW ME-!!

KATA KATA

HOLD ON...!!

RUMBLE
...!
WHAT IS THAT SWORD...?!

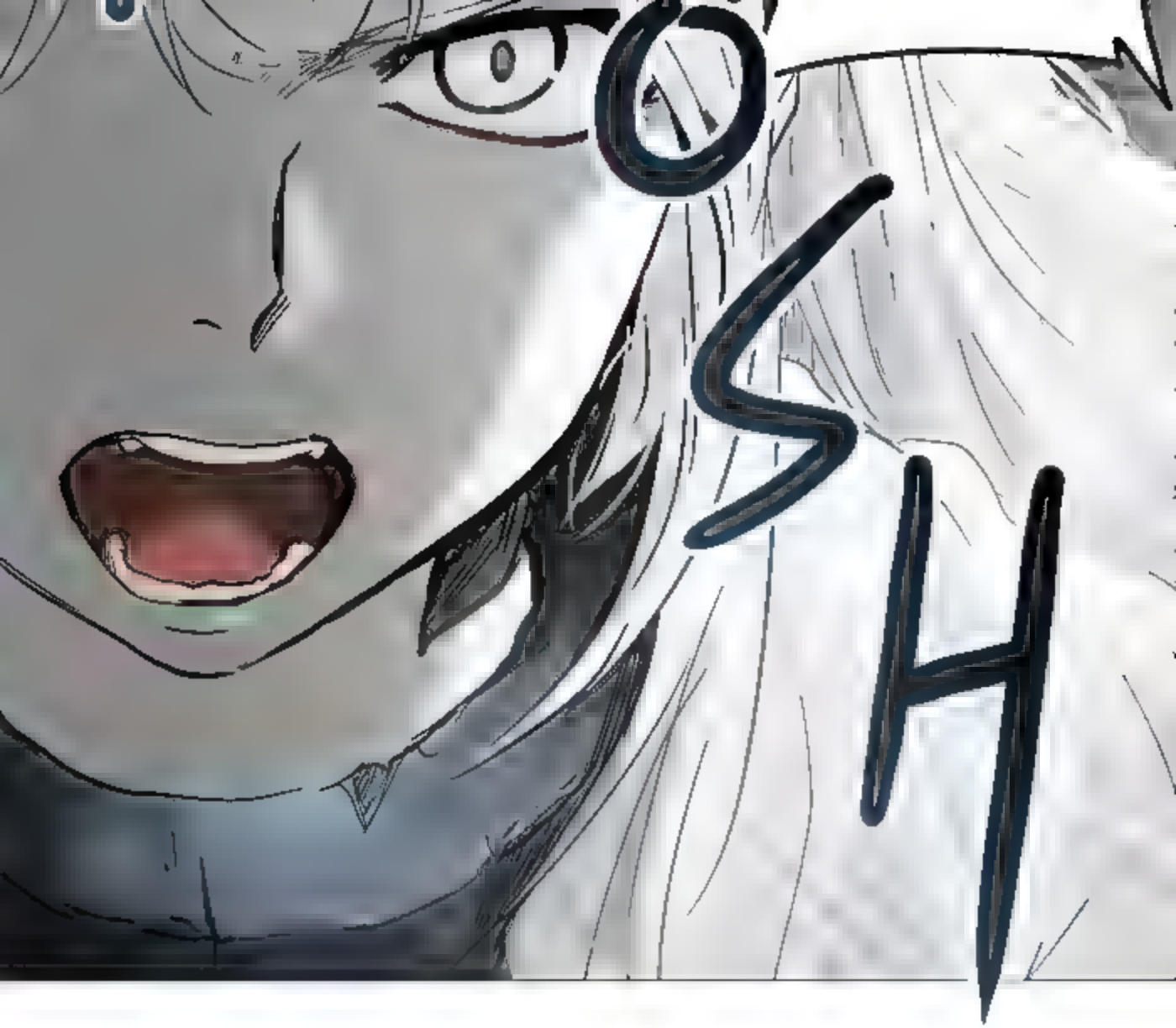
SILVER MORAY.
PZZT-
PZZT-
DUN DUN
IT'S A SWORD THAT MY FATHER BESTOWED UPON ME.
IT WAS CREATED IN ORDER TO KEEP MY FAMILY'S HONOR AND PRIDE.


I DON'T KNOW THE SITUATION WELL ENOUGH, BUT IF YOU'RE ENEMIES OF THESE GUYS,
I WILL SLASH YOU WITH THIS SWORD.
FWOOSH
AH....WAIT!! I...I MEAN...!
THIS IS BAD..
WHAT...?
SH*T...
JUST BECAUSE WE GAVE HIM SOME SNACKS...?
HE WAS A REALLY NICE GUY...!
SO, TELL ME.
ARE YOU ENEMIES OF THESE TWO?

HE WAS SUCH A NICE GUY...!

W...WE ARE...

VICENTE...!!


OOSH

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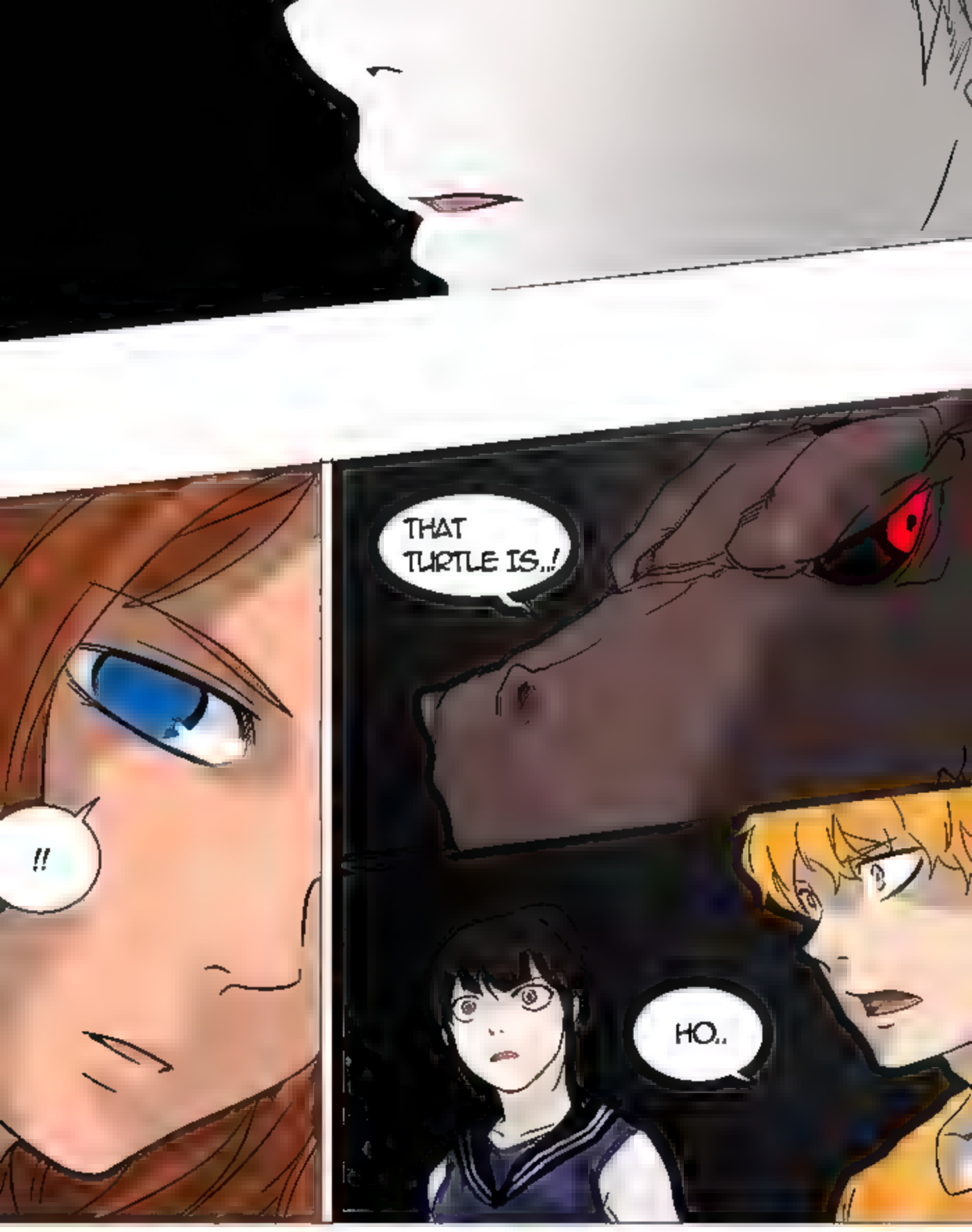
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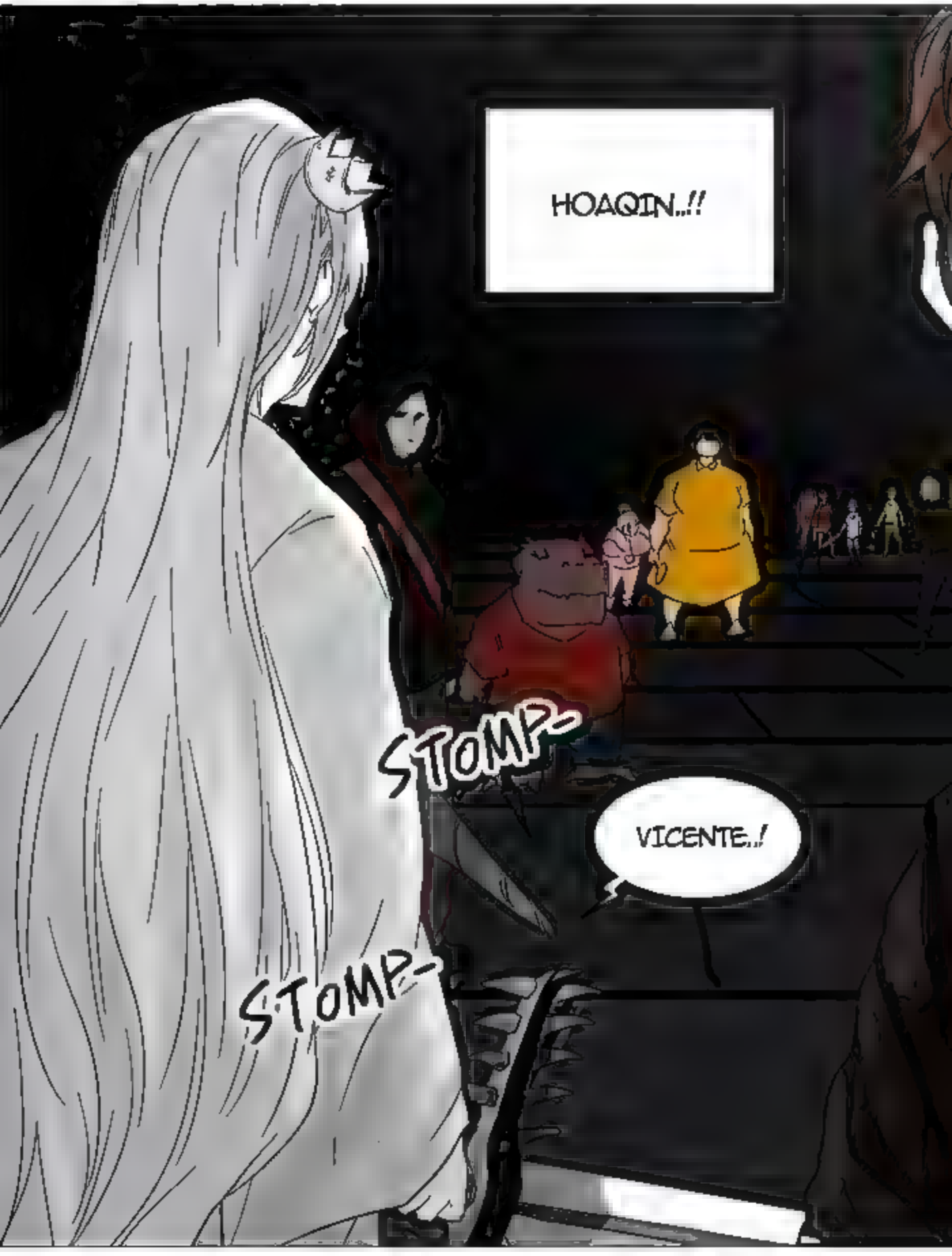
THAT TURTLE IS..!
HO..


HOAQIN..!!
STOMP-
VICENTE..!
STOMP-

KATA
KATA
KATA
!
SO, YOU'RE THE SECOND ONE AFTER ALL, VICENTE...!

IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME!

...HOAQIN.

IT'S ALMOST OUR FIRST TIME TO SEE EACH OTHER EVER SINCE WE'VE SHARED THE SAME BODY, RIGHT...?!

.....YOU'VE AWOKEN SAFE AND SOUND...!

HURRY AND...

GRIN

LONG TIME NO SEE, VICENTE...!

HOAQIN..

BECOME ONE WITH ME...!

WILL TO KILL...?
HOSH

YES,

WANTING TO HIT OR TAKE OUT... THE OPPONENT...
SWISH
POW
YOU KNOW, LIKE THOSE BASIC FEELINGS YOU NORMALLY GET WHEN FIGHTING.
WELL... YOU HAVE A POINT THERE.
I WAS ALSO THINKING SOMETHING WAS WEIRD AS I WATCHED THAT BOY.
I'D SAY HE'S TOO NICE TO BE A SLAYER NOMINEE.
OR SHOULD I SAY THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO "EVIL" IN HIM..?

YES... THE WILL TO KILL THE ENEMY...

NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU USE YOUR SKILLS, IT IS USELESS AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT IF YOU LACK THAT WILL.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HOAQIN HAS ENOUGH OF THAT WILL.

HE KILLS HIS ENEMIES WITHOUT ANY HESITATION.

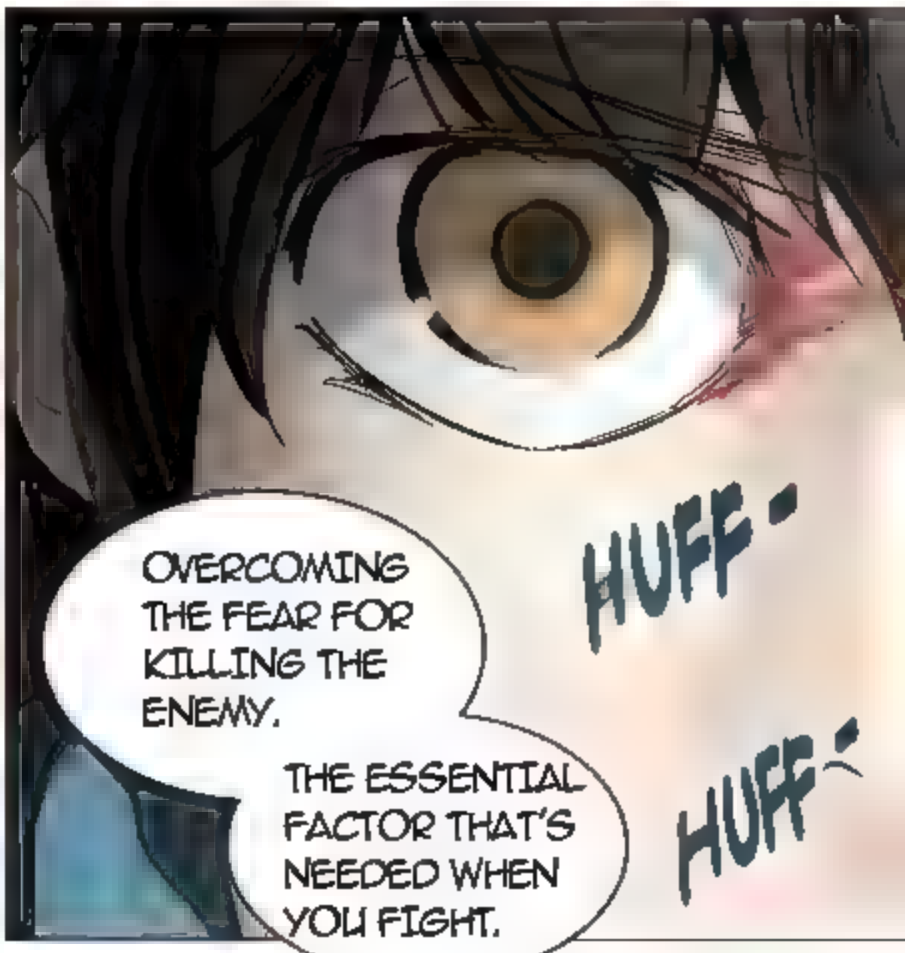
WHICH MAKES HIS SWORD EVEN MORE FIERCE AND SHARP.

SHOOSH

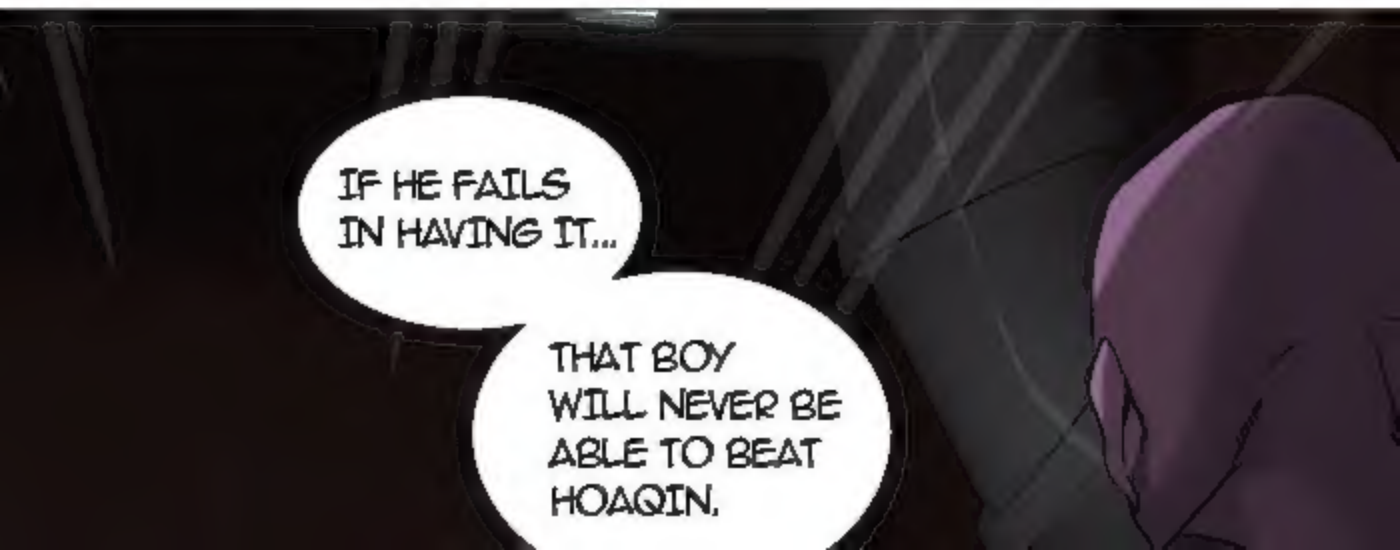
COMPARE TO HIM, THAT BOY IS..
TOO NAIVE.

SHOOOO

IT'S OVER...


OVERCOMING THE FEAR FOR KILLING THE ENEMY.
THE ESSENTIAL FACTOR THAT'S NEEDED WHEN YOU FIGHT.
HUFF-
HUFF-

IN A MONTH FROM NOW..


IF HE FAILS IN HAVING IT...
THAT BOY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT HOAQIN.

Tokpa

YOKIM IS
DOWN.

STAGE 4 CLEAR.

... DONE...?

Beep-

THE PASSAGE TO THE NEXT STAGE IS OPENING.

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